



# Professional Military Education **Initial Entry Training**



## **Wear and Appearance of the VDF Uniform**



# References

- **VDF Enlisted Soldier Handbook**
- **Army Regulation 670–1**
- **VDF Regulation 670-1**  
*(Revised 10 NOV 2013)*



# Training Objectives



- **Grooming standards for men and women**
- **Standards for accoutrements**
- **Approved VDF uniforms**
- **Placement of all insignia and patches**





# Grooming Standards



- **Project a military image**
- **Uniforms will be fitted, clean and pressed**
- **Articles do not protrude from pockets**
- **No items attached to belt or belt loops**
- **Uniforms kept buttoned as designed**
- **Boots will be cleaned and shined/brushed**



# Grooming Standards



## Men's hair:

- Neatly trimmed on top of the head.
- Not over ears, eyebrows or touch collar
- Not interfere with headgear or PSE masks.
- No braids, cornrows, or dreadlocks.



# Grooming Standards



## Men's sideburns:

- Neatly trimmed and not flared
- Base is clean-shaven, horizontal line
- Not below exterior ear opening
- The face will be clean-shaven





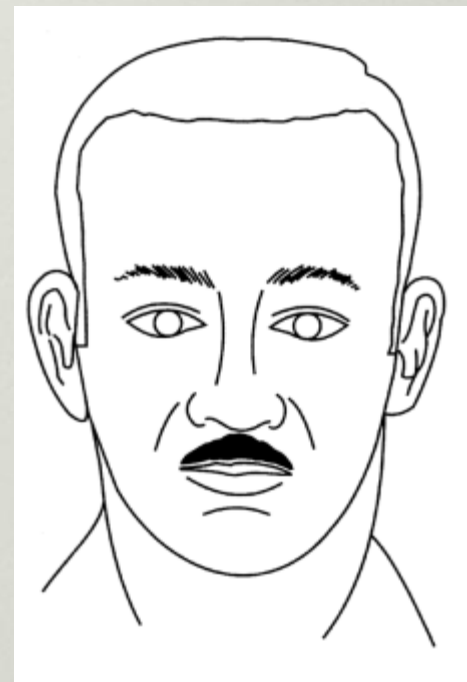


# Grooming Standards



## Men's mustache:

- Trimmed, tapered and tidy
- Not cover the upper lip or beyond corner of the mouth
- No goatees or beards, unless approved by medical authority
- If medical, not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch





# Grooming Standards



## Women's Hair:

- Neatly groomed.
- Not fall over eyebrows or below collar.
- Not interfere with headgear or protective masks.
- No hairnet unless health or safety reasons.







# Grooming Standards



## Women's Hair:

- Wigs or hairpieces must be natural color and conform to appearance standards.
- Holding devices (barrettes, pins, must be unadorned and same as hair color
- No beads, bows, or ornamental items





# Grooming Standards



## Cosmetics:

- Females wear simple cosmetics (as determined by commander)
- Color of lipstick and nail polish conservative and natural color
- No multi-colors or designs on nails
- No lipstick or nail polish for males





# Grooming Standards



## Fingernails & Hygiene:

- Fingernails clean and trimmed
- Male keep nails trimmed so not beyond the fingertip.
- Females not exceed a nail length of 1/4 inch from the tip of the finger
- Good hygiene & grooming on daily basis







# Grooming Standards



## Body Piercings & Tattoos:

- No attaching objects or jewelry to or through skin
- Female soldiers may wear pierced earrings.
- No tattoos on areas of the body exposed while in class A uniform; no grossly offensive tattoos on any part of the body.





# Grooming Standards



## Wearing of Jewelry:

- No jewelry, watch chains, pens, etc., will appear exposed on uniforms.
- Wrist watch or a wrist ID bracelet (e.g., MIA/POW) is allowed, one item per wrist
- No more than two conservative rings
- Allowed: tie tack or tie clasp and a pen on food service, CVC, and flight uniform.



# Grooming Standards



## Wearing of Jewelry:

- Females allowed earrings with service, dress and mess uniform
- Not to exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch spherical; gold, silver, white pearl, or diamond
- Fit snugly against the ear
- Matched pair, one per ear lobe





# Grooming Standards



## Wearing of Jewelry:

- Males not authorized to wear any type of earring when in uniform or when on duty.
- Fad devices, vogue medallions, personal talismans, or amulets are not authorized for wear when in uniform or on duty.



# Grooming Standards



## **Wearing of Eyeglasses:**

- **Conservative eye-glasses are authorized**
- **Sunglasses are authorized for wear except when in formation and while indoors.**
- **Not be worn with protective masks**
- **Clear or natural color contact lenses are authorized, both must be same color**



# Authorized Uniforms



**In accordance with VDF regulation 670-1, the VDF soldiers are authorized to wear three basic uniforms:**

- **Class A: classic Army Green Uniform**
- **Class B: Class A, without the coat**
- **Class C: BDU (Battle Dress Uniform) or ACU (Army Combat Uniform)**





# Authorized Uniforms



## Class A Uniform, Two options:

- (1) Green coat, pants/skirt, Army green shirt, black four-in-hand tie or neck-tab
- (2) Blue Army Service Uniform (ASU)
- Buttons must have seal of the of the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Approved by wear by Commander



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## Class B Uniform, Two Options:

- (1) Class “A” uniform without coat, with or without black four-in-hand tie or neck-tab
- (2) Blue Army Service Uniform (ASU)
- Authorization for year-round wear when authorized by Commander





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## Class C Uniform:

- **Option 1: Woodland BDU and accessories, with bright insignia**
- **Option 2: Woodland BDU and accessories, with subdued insignia**
- **Option 3: Woodland ACU, subdued insignia**
- **Only Option 3 after 30 SEP 2016**



# Authorized Uniforms



## **Class C Uniform, Option 1:**

- **Woodland BDU as defined in AR 670-1**
- **Black boots only**
- **All insignia non-subdued (bright) with exception of DIV patch and nametapes.**
- **Insignia either all pin-on or all sew-on**
- **VA DEF FORCE branch tape to be replaced with VIRGINIA**





# Authorized Uniforms



## Class C Uniform, Option 2:

- **Woodland BDU as defined in AR 670-1**
- **Black boots only**
- **All insignia subdued including rank and branch, except state flag (non-subdued).**
- **Insignia either all pin-on or all sew-on,**
- **VA DEF FORCE branch tape to be replaced with VIRGINIA**



# Authorized Uniforms



## **Class C Uniform, Option 3:**

- **Woodland ACU (M-81 type pattern)**
- **Patrol cap (Woodland pattern) with non-subdued rank insignia for officers and subdued rank insignia for enlisted personnel.**
- **All insignia subdued including rank and branch, except state flag (non-subdued)**



# Authorized Uniforms



## **Class C Uniform, Option 3:**

- **Sleeve insignia affixed using velcro**
- **Name tapes and rank insignia in black thread on woodland background may be sewn on or affixed using velcro**
- **T-shirt is desert tan or sand-colored**
- **Socks are green, brown or black**
- **Tan or desert riggers belt**





# Authorized Uniforms



## Class C Uniform, Option 3:

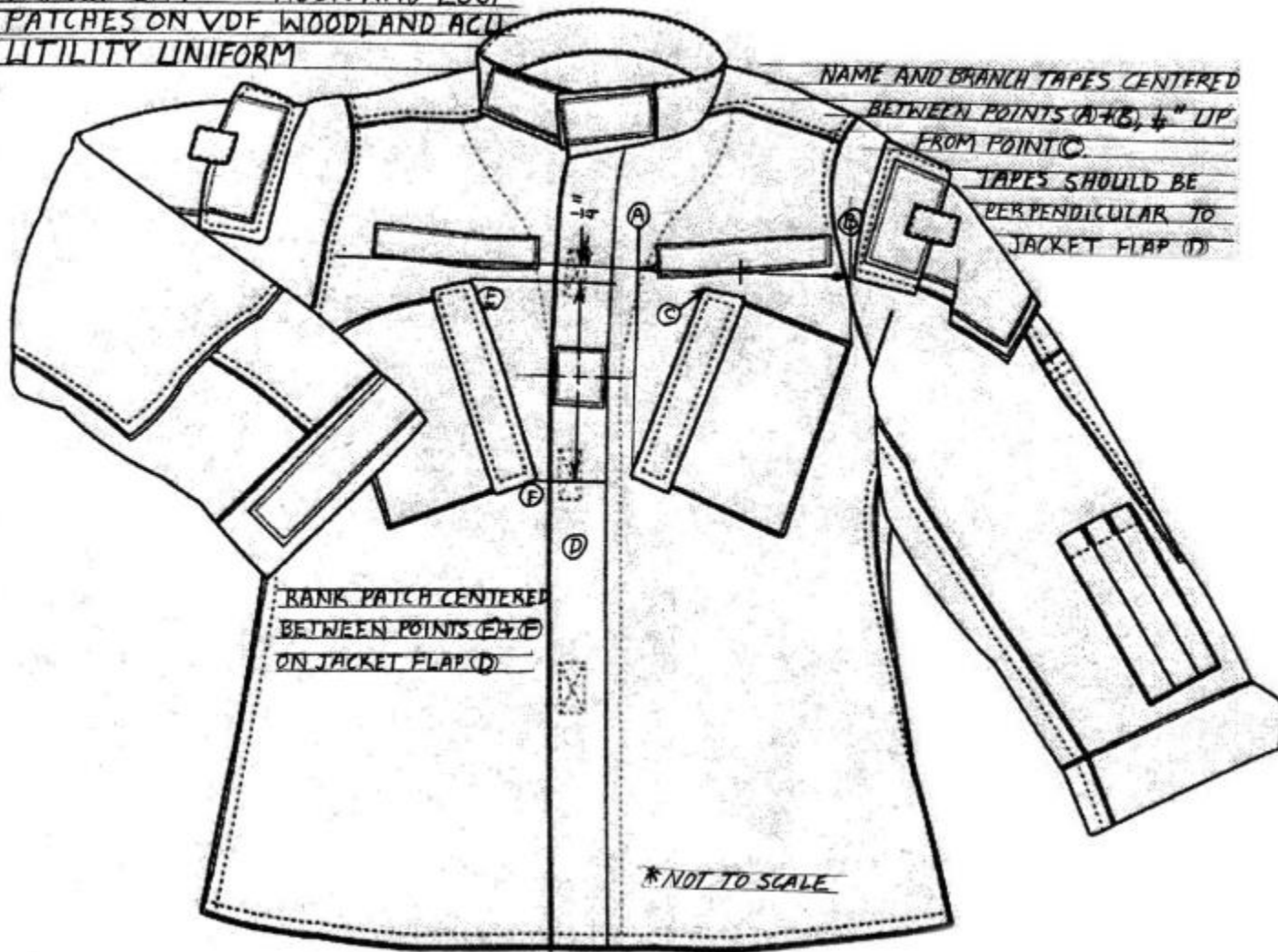
- Boots are minimum 8" in height
- Boots are tan or sand-colored rough-side out cattle hide with a plain toe and tan rubber outsoles
- No zippers



# Authorized Uniforms



PLACEMENT OF HOOK AND LOOP  
PATCHES ON VDF WOODLAND ACU  
UTILITY UNIFORM







# Authorized Uniforms



**Required by second drill after enlistment.**

- **Boots, combat, desert tan, pair**
- **Cap, ACU (Woodland Pattern)**
- **Coat, ACU (Woodland Pattern) (3)**
- **Drawers, brown or sand, male (3 pair)**
- **Socks, boot (green, brown or black)**
- **Trousers, ACU (Woodland Pattern)**
- **Undershirt, (sand) (3)**





# Authorized Uniforms



## Required within 12 months of enlistment:

- Bag, duffel, olive drab
- Belt, riggers, (desert tan/sand 503)
- Beret, wool, black shade 1593
- Coat, M-65 Field Jacket (Woodland)
- Glove inserts, cold, black
- Glove, flexor, light duty
- Undershirt, polypro, brown 436
- Undershirt, polyester, brown 436



# Authorized Uniforms



## Transition Period:

- Three-year transition period to ACU (Woodland Pattern) and ASU (blue)
- End of transition is 30 September 2016
- VA DEF FORCE tapes may be worn until supplies are exhausted.
- Options with modifications may be worn until end of transition period



# Summary



- **Grooming standards for men and women**
- **Standards for accoutrements**
- **Approved VDF Class uniforms**
- **Placement of all insignia and patches**





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## Questions?